BIRCHFIELD (1864-1911)

BIRCHFIELD, a hamlet, in the parish of Handsworth, union of West Bromwich, S. division of the hundred of Offlow and of the county of Stafford, 2 miles (N.) from Birmingham, on the road to Walsall. This place lies in the eastern part of the parish, and close to the borders of the county of Warwick. It contains a few handsome residences, the principal of which are those of William Haughton, Esq., and George Bragg, Esq.; the former a large mansion with about 76 acres of land, and the latter having about 40 acres. The other residences situated in the hamlet are small. [A Topographical Dictionary of England (1848)]

Parish History

In 1864 the parish of **BIRCHFIELD** was formed from a part of **HANDSWORTH ST MARY.**

On 13 Jan 1905 it was moved from LICHFIELD DIOCESE to the newly created BIRMINGHAM DIOCESE. In 1911 HANDSWORTH (including BIRCHFIELD) was moved from STAFFORDSHIRE to BIRMINGHAM.

Description of Church (Holy Trinity)

Chapels-of-Ease and Missions

Type of incumbent

Vicar	1864-1911

Patrons

	....-1905
Birmingham	1905-1911

Parish Registers

Bells

Special References

Principal Clergy

►**Joseph William Marshall 1835-1915** **1864-1875**
b 5 Dec 1835 Cambridge *son of Joseph Edward Marshall of Cambridge solicitor*
m 1864 Mary Elizabeth eldest dau of ----- Miller (Vicar of Greenwich)
d 10 Sep 1915 Blackheath
(educated at Birmingham King Edward)
(aged 18, admitted sizar at Trinity, Cambridge) 29 May 1854 [VENN]
(matriculated) Michs 1854
(Cricket blue) 1855-7

(B.A.) 1858
(ordained deacon by Worcester) 1859
(Stipendiary Curate, Martley, Worcs) 1859-61
(ordained priest by London) 1860
(Stipendiary Curate, Birmingham St Martin) 1861-2
(Stipendiary Curate, Handsworth -----, Staffs) 1862-4
(Vicar, Birchfield, Staffs) 1864-75
(Vicar, Blackheath St John-the-Evangelist) 1875-1909
(Honorary Canon, Rochester) 1900-15
(Canon, Southwark, Surrey) 1906-15
(author, "A Simple Liturgy for Children's Services")
(editor, "Letters of Elsie Marshall", his daughter who was martyred in China in 1895)
chn: Elsie Marshall d *martyred* 1895 China

►Pelham Thomas Maitland c1814-1891 **1875-1891**
b c1814 *son of Gilbert George Maitland of Madras, India and Emma (Spry)*
m 21 Sep 1841 Sarah Hasluck of Aston
d *aged 77* cMay 1891 West Bromwich RD
(educated at Bury St Edmunds)
(aged 18, admitted pensioner at Magdalene, Cambridge) 30 Jun 1832 [VENN]
(matriculated) Michs 1832
(B.A.) 1838
(ordained deacon) 1839
(ordained priest) 1841
(Stipendiary Curate, Yoxall, Staffs) 1841-8
(Stipendiary Curate, Shenstone, Staffs) 1849-51
(Rector, Fradswell, Staffs) 1851-?1857
(Vicar, Wolverhampton St Paul, Staffs) 1860-3
(Chaplain at Naples) 1868-75
(Vicar, Birchfield, Staffs) 1875-d

John Alexander Smith (Rector of Grindon, Staffs) c1862-1926 **1891-1893**
m Hannah Maria -----; d 7 Feb 1926; i Grindon; M.I. [below]
d 12 Aug 1926; i Grindon; M.I. [below]
(at Lichfield Theological College) 1884
(ordained deacon by Lichfield) 1886
(Stipendiary Curate, Handsworth -----, Staffs) 1886-91
(ordained priest by Lichfield) 1887
(Vicar, Birchfield, Staffs) 1891-3
(Rector, Rodington, Salop) 1893-1902
(Rector, Grindon, Staffs) 1902-d

(Grindon) Hannah Maria SMITH, w/o the Rector of Grindon, 7 Feb 1926 John Alexander SMITH, 12 Aug 1926 Rector of this parish for 24 years

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►Walter Frederick Bradley c1847-.... **1893-1900**
(at Durham University)
(at Birmingham University)
(ordained deacon by Durham) 1872
(Stipendiary Curate, Collierley St Thomas, Durhams) 1872-4
(ordained priest by Durham) 1873
(Stipendiary Curate, Dalston St Philip, London SE) 1874-8
(Vicar, West Bromwich St Peter, Staffs) 1878-93
(Vicar, Birchfield, Staffs) 1893-1900

►Newton Theodore Langley 1853-1931 **1901-1907**
b cAug 1853 Wolverhampton RD, Staffs
d *aged 77* 1931 Tamworth RD
(at Lichfield Theological College)

(ordained deacon by Lichfield) 1878
(Stipendiary Curate, Derby St James) 1878-81
(ordained priest by Lichfield) 1879
(Stipendiary Curate, Fenton, Staffs) 1882-8
(Surrogate)
(Vicar, West Bromwich St John, Staffs) 1888-1901
(Vicar, Birchfield, Staffs) 1901-7
(Vicar, Lyonshall, Herefs) 1907-15
(licensed to preach in the dioceses of Birmingham & Lichfield) 1915-?d
(in retirement of "The Tower", Sutton Coldfield)

1907-1911

Assistant Clergy

►**Harry Pollentine Edwards c1857-....** **1881-1885**
(at Lichfield Theological College)
(ordained deacon by Lichfield) 1881
(Stipendiary Curate, Birchfield, Staffs) 1881-5
(ordained priest by Lichfield) 1882

►**Edward John Scott c1855-....** **1886-1892**
(at London University)
(B.A.)
(ordained deacon by Winchester) 1879
(ordained priest by Winchester) 1880
(Stipendiary Curate, Birchfield, Staffs) 1886-92

►**Dumaresq Cohu c1869-1947** **1897-1900**
d *aged 78* 1947 Cheltenham RD
(at Durham University)
(L.Th.) 1891
(B.A.) 1893
(ordained deacon by Ripon) 1893
(Stipendiary Curate, St John Bowling, Bradford) 1893-7
(ordained priest by Ripon) 1894
(Stipendiary Curate, Birchfield, Staffs) 1897-1900
(Stipendiary Curate, Upper Arley, Worcs) 1900-3
(Domestic Chaplain to the Bishop of Lichfield) 1903-11
(Stipendiary Curate, Lichfield St Mary, Staffs) 1903-11
(Vicar, Whittington, Staffs) 1911-29
(Vicar, Great Wilbraham, Cambs) 1930-7

►**James William Brodrick Sproule c1856-....** **1899-1901**
(at Oxford)
(M.A.)
(ordained deacon by Lichfield) 1875
(ordained priest by Liverpool) 1881
(Stipendiary Curate, Birchfield, Staffs) 1899-1901

►**Charles Joseph Tomkins c1866-....** **1901-....**
(at Trinity College, Dublin)
(M.A.)
(ordained deacon by Derry) 1890
(ordained priest by Derry) 1891
(Stipendiary Curate, Wellington St George, Salop) 1896-1901

(Stipendiary Curate, Birchfield, Staffs) 1901-p1906

►**Horace Orford Walpole 1870-.....** **1903-1906**
b cNov 1870 Stow RD, Suffolk *son of Walter Thomas Walpole and Julia Ann (Walpole)*
(at Queen's College, Cambridge)
(ordained deacon by Lichfield) 1903
(Stipendiary Curate, Birchfield, Staffs) 1903-6
(ordained priest by Lichfield *pro* Birmingham) 1905